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INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE FILMS AT UM FESTIVAL APRIL 14-18

MISSOULA--

Opportunities to watch wildlife from all over the world in their natural surroundings will be among activities available at the fifth annual International Wildlife Film Festival at the University of Montana April 14-18.

The festival will feature films about animals from as far away as England and Malaysia and as close as New Mexico and Saskatchewan. The animal subjects will include bald eagles in Alaska, gray whales, prairie creatures, Indian elephants, summer Arctic animals and wetland birds and mammals.

In addition to wildlife films, the festival will present speakers, filmmaking workshops and panel discussions on wildlife filmmaking as well as Native American and children's viewpoints of wildlife films.

The program for Wednesday and Thursday, April 14-15, will be "beat-the-crowd showings" of festival-winning films for local audiences. Showings will be from 7 to 11 p.m. in the UM underground Lecture Hall room 101. Also an art fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 15 through 17 in the University Center Mall.

Festival weekend speakers include Russell Means, Native American activist, and Montana Western District Congressman Pat Williams, who will be on the program between 7 and 11 p.m. Friday, April 16, in the underground lecture hall.

On April 17 workshops will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the lecture hall with several film selections. The speakers at 7:30 p.m. will be Edward Abbey, author and wilderness advocate, and Doug Peacock, naturalist photographer.

The program for April 18 will begin at 10 a.m. with workshops and special showings for films in the lecture hall.

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A \$1 donation will be requested for winning film showings and all other events for the festival are free.

For more information and complete schedule, contact the UM Wildlife Biology Program at 243-5272.

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